

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Kenichiro Nakagawa

Serial No.: 09/688,203

Group Art Unit: 2823

Filed: October 16, 2000

Examiner: Collins, Deven M.

For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

**RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION AND
ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 29, 2001, please consider the following:

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's Election of Species requirement, Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group II (e.g., drawn to a method of manufacturing a semiconductor memory device capable of electrically writing and erasing data) on which at least claims 1-6 are readable, without traverse. Applicant reserves the opportunity to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected species later.

Early, favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.